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#### MONTHLY EVENTS IN OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR

June, 1963—Rector's Home Coming Night
August, 1963—Peach Festival by the Women's Guild
September, 1963—Hot Dog and Corn Roast by the Acolytes
October, 1963—Spaghetti Supper by the Sunday School
November, 1963—Saturday Night at the Movies by the Men's Club
December, 1963—Tea by the Altar Guild
January, 1964—Dance by the Young People's Fellowship
February, 1964—Organ Recital by the Choirs
March, 1964—Breakfast by the Girls Friendly
April, 1964—String Band by the Vestry

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On the 3rd Sunday after Easter, April 21, 1861, work was started in a Sunday School room on "Washington Avenue above Frankford Road" by members of Calvary (Monumental Church) Northern Liberties under the direction of the rector. The first baptism was recorded on September 8, 1861, by Rev. Charles R. Bonnell, rector of Calvary Church.

In May, 1862 the parish charter was presented to the Diocesan Convention for approval but it was rejected for restricting voters in parish meetings to males of lawful age. Not until May, 1864 did the Convention approve the charter with voters being communicants who in the judgement of the rector and wardens have been contributors and usual attendants for the previous year.

Meanwhile in 1862, Rev. George C. Field became the first rector. The cornerstone of the church was laid October 15, 1862 by Bishop Alonzo Potter and consecrated by him on April 11, 1863. It was designed by Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's, Northern Liberties, who did not live to see it. The church was erected in his memory by his children.

The charter was granted by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on May 12, 1864 to Messrs. William Ellis, Charles W. Mendenhall, Reese D. Fell, George Boyd, James H. McBride, Nathaniel B. Boyd, C. Augustus Van Kirk, Edward L. Fell, Harry G. Clay and George B. Kester.

There have been 25 rectors, including the present rector: George C. Field, 1862-1864; George P. Schetky, 1864-1868; Nathaniel M. Jones, 1868-1869; J. P. Fugett, 1869-1870; Joseph A. Noch, 1871-1872; John G. Bawn, 1872-1874; W. S. Heaton, 1874-1877; Henry A. F. Hoyt, 1877-1885; William M. Harrison, 1885-1892; Samuel P. Kelly, 1892-1893; Edward G. Knight, 1893-1896; Robert W. Wright, 1896-1899; W. Arthur Warner, 1899-1902; John P. Bagley, 1902-1908; R. W. Woodroofe, 1908-1911; Waldemar Jansen, 1911-1916; Gomer B. Matthews, 1916-1920; Frank Goostray, 1920-1929; Lewis Sasse, 1929-1933; John H. Lever, 1933-1954; George B. Krantz (Bishop's Vicar), 1954-1955; A. William Degerberg, 1955-1959; John R. McGrory, 1959-1963; Henry M. Prentiss (Minister-in-Charge), 1963-1964; Edward C. Loeffler, 1964.

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